Assistance to rural women by NABARD

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(a) whether the poor women living in rural areas of Gujarat are being provided assistance by NABARD through its programmes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of districts covered under these programmes during the last two years alongwith the programme-wise details of number of women provided assistance?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. NABARD assists poor women living in rural areas of Gujarat through a number of focused programmes such as—

Assistance to Rural Women For Rural Development (ARWIND)- Assistance is provided to agencies to take up capacity building needs of women for promotion of women entrepreneurship.

Assistance For Marketing of Non-Farm Products of Rural Women (MAHIMA)- For marketing support to women enterpreneurs, NABARD supports initiatives for promotion of marketing of products by women under MAHIMA scheme.

Women self-help groups- To supplement the existing credit delivery system in rural areas for rural poor in particular women, SHGs have been encouraged and credit linked with the banking system (SHG bank linkage programme). Around 90% of the SHGs finance by banks are formed by women.

Rural Enterpreneurship Development Programme RERBs (REDPs are conducted for the rural people to provide them skill to undertake farm and off-farm activities.

(c) All district in Gujarat have been covered under NABARD's SHG Bank Linkage Programme during 2003-04 and 2004-05.2,099 SHGs and 4,352 SHGs were credit linked during 2003-04 and 2004-05 respectively, in Gujarat. Since around 90% of the SHGs are formed by women, approximately 28,000 and 58,000 women have been benefited under this programme in 2003-04 and 2004-05 respectively. Further, women in Gujarat have also been benefited through various other capacity building programmes in 2003-04 and 2004-05, as per details statement:

Statement

Details of assistance provided by NABARD in Gujarat during the last two years (through programmes other than SHG Bank Linkage programme) are as under.

Sl. No.	Description Programme name	No.	No. of women	Amount Sanctioned (Rs. In lakh)
2003-04				
1	Bindi making (Ahmedabad) Vadodara	Skill development	15	1.26
2	Embroidery & other crafts	ARWIND	40	1.65 3.88
3	Bamboo & handwork (Dahod)	Cluster development		
	TOTAL :		180	6.79
2004-05				
1	Fish processing (Junagadh)	ARWIND	20	0.3
2	Embroidery and other crafts (Rajkot)	ARWIND	25	0.44
3	Jardoshi & readymade garments(Valsad)	Skill development	40 35	0.82 0.1
4	Agarbatii & candle making (Valsad)	Skill		
	TOTAL:		120	1.66

REDPs conducted during the last two year in the state and women benefiting therefrom is given below:—

Sl. No.	Description	2003-04	2004-05
1	No. of REDPS sanctioned	60	30
2	No. of persons trained during the year	1,626	596
3	of which women trainees	92	164
4	Amount sanctioned (Rs. Lakh)	40.4	19:2
5	No. of districts covered	23	11

Measures to meet shortage of water during summer in Delhi

558. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhities face acute shortage of water during summer seasons and the State Government of Uttar Pradesh (UP) has refused to released 140 MGD water to Delhi for Sonia Vihar water treatment plant;